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SHOW DOWN!

— Ampol Cup final, and then the big one

Australia must beat New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday to finally bury the ghost of failure which has haunted it since the Kiwis bundled the Socceroos out of the 1982 World Cup.

Australian soccer's status will be laid on the line at 5 pm on Sunday after the Victorian Ampol Cup final between Heidelberg and Ajax, which kicks off at 3 pm.

Sunday's double header is a first — a joint venture on a profit sharing basis between the ASF and VSF.

Australia's pretensions to the title of champion nation in the wider Asia-Oceania region will be swept aside if it can't account for the Kiwis on its home soil.

Claims that Australia's club competition at national level is of a far higher standard than

New Zealand's national league are meaningless as a measure of Australian soccer's purported superiority.

A country's national team represents the cream of soccer talent at its disposal. The national team carries on its shoulders the prestige, aims and aspirations of its country's players, coaches, officials and spectators. The national team is the focal point of media attention. Its success filters throughout the nation's soccer structure. Similarly, its failure can gnaw like a cancerous growth into the dreams of the young.

Les Scheinflug is trying to give the Australian national team much needed stability. It takes time. The invidious influences of the Rudi Gutendorf era hopefully will be but a painful memory by the year's end.

As we went to press we were

unable to bring you the result of last night's (Tuesday's) clash between New Zealand and Australia in Auckland. The Socceroos return today (Wednesday) at 2:45 pm on Air New Zealand flight 1121 and will stay at the St. Kilda Travododge.

Irrespective of that result, the Socceroos carry the greater burden out onto the spacious Olympic Park arena on Sunday. Failure to beat New Zealand in Australia would dampen the impetus given to Australian soccer by its successful youth team.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



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Institute team for the NSL

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Jim Shouler

ing hall with synthetic turf, changing rooms, gymnasiums, sauna, spa, lecture rooms and an administration area. A fully floodlit, full-sized synthetic pitch will be a feature of the complex. It will have seating for about 12,000 spectators and will have a large, grass training area adjacent.

"Initially, soccer was well down the list of priorities at the Institute but the success of our youth team has prompted an upgrading of our position," said Shouler.

"We are going to be using world class facilities. All of this must be channelled into

the national effort. We should make this complex the home of the national youth team and if the senior national team wants to use it, they will be able to do so free of charge."

Shouler wants to see two young teams playing under the Institute's banner — a youth league side and an under-23 side.

"Up until now we haven't been able to play in the best competition in the country. That has to change," he said. "We intend to increase the number of youth boys at the Institute and let's have two teams. Let's have the pick of the youth teams for a couple more years to form the basis of a National League team. "We'd then be recruiting 16 and 17-year-olds and putting them through a full program involving participation in the youth team then the under-23 NSL team."

Shouler is compiling a working paper to present to the ASF executive which already is scanning its initial submission on the development of the game at national level.

When completed the complex will be the headquarters for soccer at the Sports Institute. It encompasses live-in facilities, an indoor train-

Allan Jones replaces Adshead

John Adshead's resignation as national team manager shook New Zealand soccer, just 10 days before the first clash with Australia in Auckland.

Adshead's contract was due to end in September, but he offered to resign three months earlier in order that a new coach could be phased into the position.

New Zealand's federation decreed however that it would be preferable for the resignation to take effect immediately, thereby allowing a successor necessary time to mould a squad for

the Olympic Games qualifiers later in the year.

The architect of New Zealand's World Cup campaign expressed himself as "shocked, bewildered and disappointed" by the haste in manipulating his removal.

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New Zealand goalkeeper Frank van Hattum is beaten by a shot from Steve Archibald during Scotland's 5-2 victory in the World Cup finals in Spain last year.

van Hattum
is the
man to beat

By
PAUL MOON

New Zealand's crack goalkeeper Frank van Hattum stands in the way of Australia's success on Sunday.

Just over a year ago van Hattum patiently was occupying the New Zealand substitutes' bench, resigned to remaining in the shadow of first choice goalkeeper Richard Wilson for some time.

In fact there were many who questioned his right even to be wearing a squad track suit. A poll among members of the New Zealand Soccer Writers' Association rated him only the 6th best 'keeper' in the country.

It was during the build-up for Spain that van Hattum suddenly began to look the part of a fully-fledged international with solid performances against Hungary, League of Ireland and Watford.

Still, it appeared highly unlikely that New Zealand coach John Adshead would discard the conscientious Wilson who had become a national hero during the qualifying rounds, when naming his side to face Scotland in Malaga.

That though is just what Adshead did — an act he later described as the most difficult in his life.

van Hattum responded magnificently, frustrating the magnificently entitled, multi-million dollar forwards of Scotland, USSR and Brazil as they strived to swamp a plucky, but hopelessly outgunned, side that refused to protect its keeper with a blanked defence.

New Zealanders were not alone in closely following the fortunes of the Kiwis' Number 22. Holland's soccer fans, seeking consolation for their own team's failure to qualify and informed of van Hattum's background, claimed him as their own: "The Only Dutchman at the Mundial."

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ASF should give clubs a better go

In scheduling the Victorian Ampol Cup final as the curtain-raiser to the Australia v New Zealand match on Sunday, the VSF and ASF have demonstrated a refreshing spirit of co-operation which serves as an example for the future.

This type of spirit certainly was missing during the previous week in which the ASF by its actions, actually harmed the Ampol Cup competition not only in Melbourne but also in Sydney. It did so by with-holding the national team players from their club teams at the shortest possible notice.

The Ampol Cup in Victoria is the most financially profitable in Australia and, with more media promotion and a bit of TV, gate takings could reach quite extraordinary heights.

With the National League teams taking part, the NSW Ampol Cup also has great potential now.

So why the mess-up of two weeks ago? Why the insensitivity towards the clubs?

When I was national coach, the then ASF secretary, Brian Le Feuvre, and I, visited Austria and Hungary trying to organise warm-up games for the Socceroos before the World Cup finals of 1974.

Yet in both countries we were informed that their international commitments always were arranged months in advance and that there was no way they could, at the drop of a hat, accommodate games against Australia.

Here, on the other hand, we still seem content with 24 hours' notice.

That's roughly how much time we had after being told by the ASF that our players would have

to stay in training camp with the national squad, and would not be released for Ampol Cup matches.

No, the players were required for a training match against Newcastle in Sydney.

Look, I will assist national coach Les Scheinflug in every possible way because I believe he is doing a fantastic job. The same goes with Tim White and the State team.

However, I believe there must be alternatives to the situation that exists at present.

The way things are, my club, South Melbourne Hellas, won't have Davidson, Blair and Russell for the Ampol Cup final, and we didn't have them for the preliminary match.

Clubs in Sydney are in a similar position — look at Olympic which has been without Katholos, Raskopoulos and Soper.

From a business point of view, this is just not right. It hurts the clubs, the spectators feel cheated because they're not seeing the best players, and the ASF gets bad publicity.

At a time when all clubs and leagues are struggling financially, our aim must be to help the clubs to establish a new, firm foundation for public support.

It can be done with the right approach by all the parties involved and that's what I want to encourage.

I have said for many years that there is a need for an expert

RALE RASIC

technical committee at ASF level to advise on these matters. Such a committee should comprise club coaches, the national coaches and a number of top-line officials.

Such a committee could work out compromises that would avoid conflicts between clubs, between federations or between federations and clubs.

We would avoid decisions harmful to the clubs being made at the drop of a hat, and we would all have a long-term programme to which to work.

Perhaps under "Project 86" these things indeed will be sorted out. Let's hope so.

But meanwhile, I must say that nowhere in the world would a national team spend three weeks in a training camp for two friendly matches, the way the Socceroos have done for the New Zealand games.

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Readers are invited to write to Peter Katholos at 38 McKern Street, Campsie, 2194. He will answer their questions in this column.

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Teamwork, mateship, depth—the keys to our success

As we prepare for our big return clash with New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday, let me give the fans a bit of insight into the way the national team plays.

Our main consideration is not to give the ball away. In other words, we play a possession game, with players running a lot off the ball, and using the spaces.

We also play it wide as often and as early as possible.

I very much enjoy my right-side combination with our full back, Alan Davidson, who operates the length of the field. For that reason, we have no winger on the right hand side, which leaves a passage for Davidson and for me to use.

When I hear his call, I'll give him the ball as quickly as possible because I know he'll be in a good position. The same applies vice-versa.

If he passes me, I'll often drop back to cover for him, but when we're both up-field, then Gary Byrne will drop back to cover.

On the left, our full back Alan Niven also is encouraged to attack, but he doesn't do so as often as Davidson.

And the left-side midfielder, probably George Christopoulos, also gets forward but he and Niven have to be careful not to crowd out the space available to our left winger, Phil O'Connor.

Byrne, in the middle of the midfield, is our playmaker and he also does a lot of covering and defensive work.

Our stopper — usually Steve Blair — stays back almost all of the time, but the sweeper — David Ratcliffe or Tony Henderson — sometimes goes for raids up the field. At corner kicks or free kicks, one of

the big men from defence will go up to try to head the ball in.

Defensively, we play it man-to-man rather than zonally. That means we mark man-to-man in midfield, not just in defence. Even the strikers have to pick up opponents if one of our attacks suddenly breaks down.

The strikers — David Mitchell and John Kosmina — work well together, just as they do with their club, Sydney City.

They make the proper runs — either towards the midfielders, or one towards the midfielders and one back.

Both can shield the ball very well, and both are good at showing the midfielders exactly where they want the ball to be played. They're also very good in the air.

O'Connor, on the left, concentrates on beating the ball down the line, beating his full back, and getting the crosses over.

For the crosses, I have to be in the box along with Kosmina and Mitchell if it's played to the right, and Christopoulos and Byrne will wait outside for the crumbs. If it's played to the left, then Christopoulos will get into the box and I'll join Byrne just outside.

But the main thing is team work, and it's team work that makes you a winner, which gets me onto the next subject: What makes a successful team?

There are many aspects, but the most important one is that the players must respect each other.

All players are different. Some have more ability than others on the ball, others are superior in speed, strength or vision. Players must respect each other's individual assets and help to use them for the team.

Conversely, in an unsuccessful team you have players jealous of each other's ability, thus causing friction.

Take all these things together and you see how the national team operates under Les Scheinflug. It has been successful and it will be successful.

So it is at Sydney Olympic as well. We have a great bunch of players there and the team spirit is excellent.

Tommy Docherty, our coach, has full control of the soccer side and as for the administration, that's under the control of our hard-working president, Jim Petrelis.

In closing, let's have your support against New Zealand at Olympic Park on Sunday. It will spur us on.

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Paul Kay—scoop for Hellas!

Paul Kay — one of the finest players Australia has produced — starts a new chapter of his career this week with South Melbourne Hellas.

Bids for Kay by Marconi and Sydney City failed and it was Hellas coach Rale Basic who signed him to a two-year contract after flying Kay to Melbourne last Thursday.

Kay, 20, has spent half-seasons with English club Charlton Athletic. Although he did not have any senior games, he did go on the senior team's tour of Sweden and he scored 15 goals in the Combination League.

His progress was hampered by the sacking of two Charlton managers — Alan Mullery and Ken Cragg and by various administrative upheavals, but a year in English soccer has improved Paul Kay tremendously — not that he needed much improvement.

"I was training every day, as a full-time professional, I'm stronger now. I'm tackling harder and I'm more self-confident than I've ever been," he said at his parent's home in Wollongong.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

That's when Rasic made his move.

Kay was brought to England by the then chairman of Charlton Athletic who was impressed by Kay's performances in the World Youth Championships.

"Under the then manager, Alan Mullery, I was getting very close to a first-team place and everything looked great after I'd been on the tour of Sweden," Kay said.

"But while I was back home visiting my parents during the off-season, Mullery was sacked and the new manager, Ken Cragg, bought a whole lot of new players and pushed the young ones into the background. Others also suffered. There are many who still want

to get away, but the didn't have a way out like I did.

"That aside, I would recommend the experience of European soccer to any local young players with the ability to have a go. All I'd say is they'd have to go there with their eyes wide open and not expect too much too quickly."

"However, the standard of our best young players is every bit as high as that in England."

Kay admitted he suffered homesickness for a while, and there is "no place like home".

"My ambition is to get into the national team, and you can do that only if you're playing in Australia," he said.

Former Moenchengladbach and Barcelona star Alan Simonsen, a European Footballer of the Year, joined Charlton while Kay was there, and they piked alongside each other in a few Combination League and charity matches.

"He's a brilliant player, but

he's wasting his time at Charlton," Kay said.

The young Socceroo also played against Tony Galvin and Micky Hazard of Spurs and Danny Wallace of Southampton.

Now Paul Kay looks forward to a new chapter in his already distinguished career.

It started as a junior with Wollongong, and as a NSW representative in most junior age groups.

Then it was off to St. George, where he played in the Saints' NSW team, and from there he transferred to Wollongong NSW club for \$3000. The \$10,000 Charlton paid for him was still待付 in Australia.

Paul Kay has played seven games for Australia, including two full internationals — the 1981 World Cup games against Indonesia and Taiwan. During the Oceania Cup in Noumea in 1980, he scored four goals — two of them in the final against Tahiti (4-2). He also played 17 games for the national youth team.

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Dom Kapetanovic — what a waste



Mike Johnson

One of soccer's sad stories is the decline of coach Dom Kapetanovic.

I rate Kapetanovic as possibly the best coach in this country, yet he is unable to get a coaching job.

It is a tragedy, but for the state of soccer in this country when a person like Kapetanovic is ignored.

He is a highly intelligent and educated man who has coached successfully at the highest level, he also has played the game at the highest level in Yugoslavia.

What is more, he has been successful in the short while he has been in Australia. In his second season in Australia with Sydney Croatia he won the State League undefeated, despite the presence of a powerful St George under Frank Arok.

Most people credit him with an excellent job at Marconi last year with a depleted squad, yet here he is out of a job?

How can a man with his credentials, who only two years ago won a top league undefeated, be unable to get a job?

One of the reasons may be that he is quiet.

He does not thump tables, or make a lot of noise, especially about himself.

He is the opposite of the common coaches who proliferate in the ranks of the profession in Australia.

He is a man who is gifted and highly experienced, who knows what he is about.

Such is the Soccer ignorance of so many people involved on committees in clubs in this country they are unable to see an expert even when he is right in front of them.

Intelligent, top players who

have been under Kapetanovic tell me that he is a great coach.

Croatian captain, Majan Kovacic, says Kapetanovic to make him turn him into a fine midfield player after years searching for success as an average striker.

University-educated Kovacic has nothing but praise for Kapetanovic.

He is supported by his playing colleague Peter Henshaw who started National League soccer with St George before taking up his present job as NSW Sales manager with Berrie, and moving to Croatia.

Marconi and national team striker Mark Jankovics told

Mark Jankovics had told me that Kapetanovic concentrated a lot on shooting practice.

Kapetanovic did not have any arguments with me over the importance of shooting skill, though I was interested to here his views on the need for good receiving skills.

Australian Soccer players are loth to say the time practising to shoot the ball, they should. There are so many ways of receiving the ball — observe the Brazilians, the masters of this basic skill, just as they are of so many others.

Kapetanovic talked of the importance of getting first to the ball — "Even if only by a few centimetres," he said.

This was why he much preferred to use the ball in almost every training situation.

"When you use the ball you stimulate the mind," he said.

You have to make decisions."

"Without the ball there are no decisions, so there is mental deadness.

"That is not good for a soccer player."



• Allan Simonsen (left) — "wasting his time" at Charlton. At right is Franz Beckenbauer.

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LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



ON THE BEACH: Albion Rovers trained at St. Kilda beach last week. Two of the players had injuries (Frank Macleod and Peter Dickson). Both were advised to wade in the salt sea water. As they reached the water's edge, Peter put his big toe in and said: "It's freezing." Big Frank stuck his nose in and said: "It's not even wet."

OUCH! THE PAIN: Player told me last week that he might need an operation to remove his "excruciating" ligaments.

SPEED MERCHANT: What about the centre-half who midway through the game squashed a big black snail with his boot? Asked why he did it, he said: "That bloody thing has been following me all over the park."

MATCH OF THE YEAR: Lyndale v. Murrumbateman. Even the names strike fear in any ordinary man's heart. The Wests Cup Code is simple, say, I tell ya! Melbourne is bursting in anticipation of this clash! Why? More about it later.

VISITORS: Heard that the Camerons are coming to play

• JOE DOCHERTY: well-known comedian on the clubs and pubs circuit is team manager of Victorian State League club Albion Rovers and previously Kew Park Celtic. He played for Sandringham City and Harkoh.

us. Is that Gordon Cameron's team?

DINK OF THE YEAR: Eight points to Jimmy Rooney who said: "Oh! The fight's on tonight. Must get some 'Tinies' in." Magic, wee man.

WAKE UP: To whoever is recruiting for "The Age" Industrial League team. You have a ready-made midfield right next door.

On the right: Craig "nobody knows me with my hair-cut" MacKenzie.

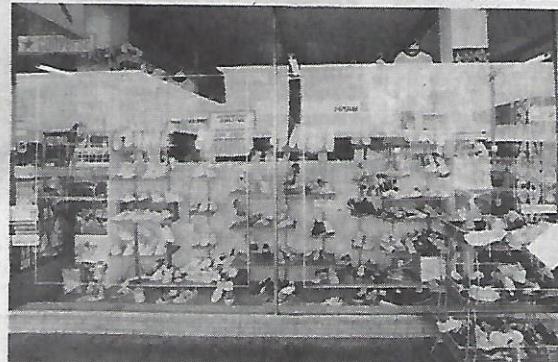
In the middle: Les "stand still and watch our play" Shorrock.

On the left: Gordon "has anybody seen my pink jacket?" Schwab. Nae bother boys.

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Sam Gouliopoulos

SAM'S PLEA FOR UNITY

Heidelberg United president Sam Gouliopoulos made an impassioned plea for club unity at an extraordinary general meeting held last Sunday.

Gouliopoulos will make a similar plea to the club's board of management and is calling for an unqualified vote of confidence.

"We called for tenders to build the covering for our terracing. One of our vice-presidents was a tender but didn't get the job," said Gouliopoulos.

"This led to a rather nasty confrontation between that gentleman and myself, the end result being that he resigned. The incident was disruptive and at the general meeting was called on to get members' approval for the way the club is being run."

"I'm happy to report that we had a packed house at the meeting and that well over two thirds of the voting members present supported me and my board of directors."

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VICTORIAN AMPOL CUP

It's Ajax for the cup!

By
CRAIG MACKENZIE

Green Gully Ajax has been the outstanding team unit in the 1983 Ampol Cup and should defeat national league club Heidelberg United in Sunday's final, which kicks off at 3pm as the curtain raiser to the Australia-New Zealand international.

The Victorian State League champion has been the best drilled, best organised outfit in the Ampol Cup and its stunning 2-0 semi-final win over big spending South Melbourne Helles should give it the impetus to add another national league scalp to its trophy cabinet.

If so, it will be sweet revenge for Ajax coach Len McKendry. The former Victorian state team boss was coaching Heidelberg until last November when he was faced with little choice but to quit.

McKendry and the Heidelberg committee were at loggerheads, McKendry was the loser last November however he is set to turn the tables on Sunday.

Not only is Ajax functioning well as a team it also doesn't face the urest which is rumored to be sweeping through the playing ranks at Heidelberg. Some players reportedly are unhappy with the way the team is playing and with team selection. This could pose insurmountable problems for coach Ken Morton.

At the centre of the rumored unrest stands little Chilean ball wizard Juan Toro Castillo. A large question mark hangs over Toro's ability to last the entire match in midfield. Some Heidelberg players may be worried about the way the team is playing and with team selection. This could pose insurmountable problems for coach Ken Morton.

Certainly Toro's fine close ball skills will be needed at

their best on Sunday when he confronts being quickly closed down and arrested by Ajax.

Former Sydney City star John Spanos is yet to fit in at Heidelberg. The remarks passed between Spanos and a couple of established players at Heidelberg last weekend in the semi-finals suggests that Morton is being hard pressed to instil a united team spirit.

With Sunday only a few days away, Morton and Heidelberg are running out of time.

The key to Ajax's success, apart from the obvious organization, is the way coach McKendry uses former Welsh international David Smallman at every set piece situation. Smallman takes most free kicks and corner kicks. His vision and disposal are excellent and he has been instrumental in Ajax's charge to the final.

Smallman was booked three times in the preliminary cup rounds but didn't amass 12 penalty points and was able to play against Helles last Friday. However, an injury forced him to be replaced at half time but he will be fully fit and will line-up on Sunday.

Heidelberg striker Gary Cole looks decidedly uneasy without his attacking partner Jamie Paton. It seems strange for coach Morton to break up the outstanding striking partnership in the short history of the national competition. Maybe we'll see Paton in action on Sunday.



Ajax's ace striker Paul Lewis

Lively line-ups for Sunday's Ampol Cup final:

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	Gary COLE	Jamie PATON	

van Hattum faced Scots, USSR, Brazil

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van Hattum did not resent the title, for his Dutch parents have been a great influence on his soccer career from the moment they bought him his first pair of football boots at four years of age.

Born and raised in New Plymouth, he represented Taranaki province at all grades and the North Island at under 12, 14 and 18 levels.

Now Plymouth however did not boast a major senior soccer team, so upon leaving school, van Hattum ventured north; joining Hamilton and promptly helped them gain the Northern Regional League title.

Unfortunately opportunities became limited at Hamilton, which looked towards experienced, proven talent. After two seasons in the Waikato, van Hattum moved to Manurewa, then coached by John Adshead.

In his first campaign with the South Auckland club, he captured winners' medals for the Northern Regional League, Chatham Cup and Adidas Challenge Trophy.

Soon after that momentous treble, Adshead left Manurewa to take control of the New Zealand national team. He did not forget his former charge, who was named in the

squad to contest the 1980 Oceania Cup.

That proved to be a disastrous expedition, as did the internal tour and Canadian sojourn which followed, but van Hattum's reputation remained relatively intact. Sandwiched between these setbacks was a totally unexpected, morale boosting, 4-4 demolition of Medco.

Richard Wilson had been unavailable for the Mexican encounter, but he automatically regained the gloves when the World Cup elimination series got under way and never looked to be in danger of relinquishing them until the finals approached.

Wilson suffered a post-qualification reaction, and found himself unable to meet the renewed challenge of obtaining the essential perfect mental

and physical condition.

van Hattum, however, reached his peak at exactly the right time. Formerly a materials co-ordinator, he gave up his job in order to devote himself fully to training.

That sacrifice must have seemed more than worthwhile when, after the Mundial, Fyneord offered a full time contract. He had agreed terms and was looking forward to a further career advancement, when it was revealed that Manurewa would not agree to a release without receiving a transfer fee.

The Rotterdam club, on a tight financial budget and perturbed by Manurewa's attitude, declined to pay. van Hattum was committed to the South Aucklanders for only a further two months but when that short term expired Fyne-

ord had lost interest, as its season was now under way.

A number of English clubs were prepared to be considering approaches but nothing materialised.

Not surprisingly, van Hattum severed his links with Manurewa and recently signed for Christchurch's Mogal United, to follow a long line of international 'keepers' which includes Phil Dando, Richard Wilson and Barry Pickering.

Only 24 last November, he has some seasons ahead of him before reaching the age when goalkeepers traditionally reach their zenith.

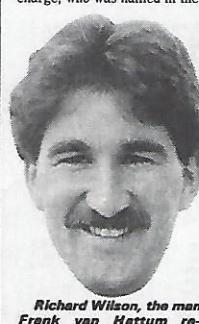
There is still time to win a lucrative contract with an overseas club but he must continue to produce the goods for New Zealand. A clean sheet against Australia would aid his cause perfectly.

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Selemidis wins it

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (J. Campbell 41st, Selenidis 88th) FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Stojcevski 70th). Ampol Cup semi-final at Olympic Park, Friday night, double header. Crowd: about 8,000. Referee: Voutsinas 5.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Olver 7 — McMillan 7, D. Macleod 6, Yankos 7, Tansey 6 — Selenidis 7, Toro 6, Spanos 6 — J. Campbell 7, Cole 6 (in, Petson 80th), Valentine 7, Coach: Ken Morton.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 7 — Stojcevski 7, O'Reilly 7, Kotsopoulos 6, Tansey 6 — Jovanovic 7, Hloski 6, Turilli 7 (Ristovski 55th 6) — Simic 7, G. Macleod 6, Lujic 7, Coach: Bob MacLachlan.

REASON FOR VICTORY: I'm a Dennis Boland fan. One of many. I've long marvelled at his athleticism and flair. However, like all of us, he isn't infallible.

With just four minutes remaining and extra time a near certainty, Boland charged off his line to punch clear from a corner. He did not see the ball in time. Then Selenidis did with a superb leap and a stunning back header which sent the ball flashing into the net and kicked J.U.S.T. out of the Ampol Cup. Boland would be the first to concede that

Selemidis himself to punch clear he must get to the ball first. His failure to do so here was vital.

THE TACTICS: Both sides used a 4-3-3 formation. Jim Campbell was up front alongside Gary Cole with Valentine on the wing. J.U.S.T. used Paul Simic, Gus Macleod and Zdravko Lujic as its front runners. A word about young Simic. He looked really sharp until cramp got the better of him forcing him to be replaced in the second half. Simic showed great ability to control the ball quickly with his back to goal, swivel around and get in a firm shot. He may be on the threshold of finally making a big name for himself in the national league.

Certainly, he is one of J.U.S.T.'s only dangerous striker.

The Macleod brothers, J.U.S.T. striker Gus and Heidelberg stopper Don, lined up against each other but cancelled each other out. That means Don Macleod did his job. Big Gus Macleod won quite a few free kicks. That was all. Actually there were lengthy periods of play in which they weren't sighted.

THE CHANCES: Two penalties stand out. One awarded to Heidelberg and the other not given by referee Voutsinas. Heidelberg's goal keeper, Jeff Olver, threw himself up and across but couldn't get a hand to the ball as it thudded into the back of the net.

Selemidis' superb back header in the 86th minute was the match winner.

Voutsinas wasn't so ready to point to the spot in the 18th minute. Simic broke through onto a long, lofted free kick from Kondaridis which eluded the Macleod brothers. As Simic prepared to shoot, he was hacked down from behind. Referee Voutsinas was about 15 metres from the incident yet waved play on. I'm convinced that J.U.S.T. should have been awarded a penalty.

Boland made a superb save

in the 25th minute.

Valentine slipped as he was about to run onto a Toro lob into the area.

He recovered quickly and shot.

Boland parried wide.

Then Simic headed wide on the 31st. A few minutes later two loose shots, one after the other, were blocked.

McMillan blocked Simic's shot after a firm turn in the 31st minute. Four minutes later Simic headed wide at the near post from a Lujic cross.

Simic almost did everything right with his near post header in the 60th minute. He met Lujic's cross firmly and headed down but Olver had read play well and saved easily.

Valentine dummied across

from the right in the 65th minute but Campbell's half

metres was well wide.

Boland did well to clutch a fine glancing header from Cole in the 68th minute.

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MARTON A MARKED MAN

By ALEX VESIC

Doug Collins, ex-Sydney Olympic coach and presently at the helm of Marconi vowed that he will stop St George ace Dez Marton after Marconi narrowly beat Croatia to go into the NSW Ampol Cup final against the Saints.

"We'll crush Marton," said Collins emphatically as he entered Marconi's club rooms after the matches ended at Marconi Stadium last Friday.

Later on, however, Collins was prepared to accept the fact that Marton was an exceptional player who would need more than mere careful attention. The St George striker has so far amasssed seven goals in three Ampol Cup matches and gives the impression that the Ampol Cup final will provide him with an ideal opportunity to score a few more.

Frank Arok, looking at his second Ampol Cup final success in two years, was non-committal about his tactics for the final.

St George 4 Sydney City 0

Score: Des Marton 2, Will-kinson, Barton

Ground: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 5549

Referee: Tim Davies 8

ST. GEORGE: Greedy, Skene 5, R. O'Shea 7, M. O'Shea 7, J. O'Shea 7, Kocic 6 (Muskovits 41), Stone 8, Wilkinson 7, Barton 7, Slater 7, Marton 9, (Fisher 78).

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Mullin 6, Robertson 5, Gomez 5, Lucas 5, Watson 7, Barnes 5, Murray 5, Souness 7, Boden 5 (Sergeant 72), Lee 5 (De Marigny 57).

Des Marton helped himself to two more goals as St George rolled Sydney City, but once again its win was regarded as a somewhat hollow one, following the loss of John Kosmina and David Mitchell to the national team.

The Slickers defence also was weakened by the absence of Steve O'Connor, while St George was without David Rafferty.

So Saints crush yet another opponent largely due to the individual brilliance of Marton, and could have scored another four goals with an ounce of luck. While one may argue that Kosmina and Mitchell could have made a great dif-

ference up front for Sydney City, it almost was frightening to see Marton, Stone, Wilkinson and Co-cup up its opposition to register yet another comfortable win.

Sydney City managed to hold its own during the first half and could have gone into an early lead had Ian Souness hit the net in the second minute of the game. Greedy was beaten by a shot from Souness but fortune smiled upon the Saints' keeper as the ball bounced off the post.

Murray Barnes had another opportunity for Slickers after 24 minutes after being put through by Souness, but his shot went straight at Greedy. The tall Slicker had yet another opportunity in the closing stages of the first half, but his usually reliable header went wide.

At the other end Saints managed to score from its first real chance. Paul Wilkinson's through ball found Marton in the clear and Todd Clarke had no answer as Marton chipped over the advancing keeper to make it 1-0 after eight minutes.

After 27 minutes Marton was put through by Peter Stone to Ian Clarke and score the second goal of this match, then came yet another brilliant effort by Marton which resulted in number three for the Saints.

With eight minutes remaining before half-time, Marton took the ball on the edge of the penalty area, beat two players before playing a one-two with Michael O'Shea to skirt another defender then drew the keeper before flicking the ball to the far post for Paul Wilkinson to head in the easiest of close range goals.

Wilkinson could have had a hat-trick in this match, hitting the crossbar in the 19th and 56th minutes.

With three goals between the two teams the Slickers had no option but to come forward and worked very dearly for it.

Clarke made some fine saves, including a point blank drive from Wilkinson, than had

Better format

For once the much maligned NSW Soccer Federation has taken heed of shortcomings in previous years and has shown commendable flexibility.

I refer to the knock-out format of the Ampol Cup this season, replacing the series of glorified round-robin "trial matches" masquerading as the cup in 1982.

That some of the football served up is of singularly poor standard is not the fault of Karl Rodney and his committee.

The possibility for high standard, competitive, sudden death football is present — now let's see the players perform!

— PETER SCOTT

to dive at the feet of Marton and in the end saved a penalty shot from the rampaging Mar-

ton by Rod Brown, to give Marconi the lead after only 15 minutes.

The home side never surrendered its lead and will now go into the final against St George this Friday, probably at the Sydney Sports Ground. The venue was undecided as we went to press.

In fact, Marconi could easily have scored two goals, two minutes but Dan Tomasic denied Attilio Carbone a certain goal after 14 minutes of the first half. Carbone rounded Watson and shot low towards goal, but a sliding Tomasic clipped the ball away from just in front of his goal line.

Brown could have made it 2-0 after 20 minutes but his shot from just inside the penalty area went wide while what appeared to have been a bad bounce for the youngster at the crucial moment.

For most of this match, neither side showed penetration worthy of goals and seemed determined not to worry the keeper of the ball.

Clarke and Marian Kovacic tried hard to lift Croatia's game, while Attilio Carbone and Ricky Budini worked hard for Marconi.

During the last minutes, Croatia came forward and looked set to equalise, but Marconi held out with some good work by Alan Maher on the line and some solid tackling by the back four.

John Coyne received his yellow card for dissent, but he would also come very close to being the best player on the park in this loss to Marconi.

He fought with determination and tried hard to get his side inspired during the entire match, very often joining his forwards to threaten Maher.

Marconi 1 Croatia 0

Score: Jenkovic

Ground: Marconi

Crowd: 5549

Referee: Peter Rempley 6

Yellow cards: John Coyne (Cr.)

MARCONI: Maher 7, Bozanic 7, Rizzotto 7, McCullough 6, Degney 6, Budini 7, Hunter (Djordjevic 66), Semani 6, D'Amato 6, Jenkovic 7, Carbone 7.

CROATIA: Watson 7, A. Kovacic 5 (Galic 65), Tomasic 6, Basic 6, Coyne 8, Woods 6, M. Kovacic 7, Savor 7, Campbell 5 (Rezo 41), Carrizo 7, Hensman 5.

The expected fireworks between Marconi and the top State League team Croatia fizzled out into a great big yawn, with only a few players able to come out of this match with an untrashed reputation.

Hensman, Woods and Campbell, the players Croatia counted on to provide the spark, failed to make an impression, while Marconi's new signing, Semani, seldom got out of first gear.

In the end, Marconi triumphed with a goal from Mark Jankovic, certainly Marconi's trump card. He rose high to head brilliantly past Steve Watson, from a very good

start to the match.

Watson had to work hard for Marconi.



NSW AMPOL CUP

Quarter-final replays

Sydney City 1 Sutherland 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 2348

Referee: Arthur Owens 8

Goals: Jean Paul De Marigny

7'

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 8, Mullin 8 (Sergeant 59'), Robertson 7, Bruce 6, Gomez 7, Murray 5, Watson 7, Barnes 4, Souness 6, De Marigny 6, Lee 5 (Reader 59').

SUTHERLAND: Haynes 6, Cashman 6 (Johnston 70'), Hasford 6, Schaefer 7, Delform 7, Webber 6, Knowles 6, Clinch 8, Rogers 8.

The home side best produced an ample amount of chances to last us till the end of this season with Sydney City managing to score from one while Sutherland didn't.

During the first half, seen by only a handful of spectators (due to that miserable rail strike) neither side managed to produce that match winning shot despite having a few chances at both ends.

Then, as soon as the whistle sounded for the start of the second half, the Slickers came out pushing. Seven minutes after the restart, Grahame Lee hit the post with a well measured drive, then Jean Paul De Marigny scored the winner.

Mal Haynes went down to parr the shot and failed to hold, allowing De Marigny to latch onto the ball and push it into the net from close range. It was an odd goal as a number of players from Sutherland raced to the linesman and the referee pointing out that at least two City players were offside.

Let's document some glaring misses by a soddy out of town Murray Barnes.

52' De Marigny's through ball found Barnes facing Haynes in a one-to-one situation but Haynes managed to tip a lob by Barnes over the bar.

67' Barnes is in the clear and the keeper is behind him as he hits the side netting!

75' The ex-Aussie captain is in the clear again, but fails to control the ball from virtually dead in front.

79' Another glaring miss by Barnes from right in front.

If we add to this sad saga of our former favourite son, the fact that the post was hit by the Slickers twice, with Souness hitting the post from some 16 metres, then the story of chances becomes even more visible, but despite all the efforts by the Slickers, Sutherland held their nerve.

Within only two minutes to go, Shane Clinch made the best break of the game chasing the ball inside the area and seeing that only Pezzano was in the way of yet another drawn game. However, his shot hit Pezzano on the leg and rebounded for a corner kick, to the chagrin of John Watkiss, the Sutherland coach.

Had that one gone in, who knows, the story might have been different, for Sutherland had the better of play towards the end of the game and looked to have more stamina.

Croatia 1 Melita 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium

Crowd: 2458

Referee: Ken Small 7.

Yellow cards: Raul Carrizo

Goals: Carrizo

CROATIA: Watson 8, A. Kovacic 6, Tomasic 5, Basic 6, Coyne 7, Hensman 6, Rezo 6, Sevor 7, Carrizo 6, M. Kovacic 8, Pagano 6 (Galic 59').

MELITA: A. McPherson 8, R. McPherson 6, Cross 6, Anukinoff 6, Doley 7, McAusland 5, Chaloner 5 (Farnsworth 40'), Williams 5, Duarte 6, Farugia 7, McKie 5.

Croatia scraped through to the semi-finals after one of the most lopsided contests seen during this competition. After

an initial outburst by Croatia, Melita took control and looked set to win comfortably, but in the end it was Raul Carrizo who decided the issue, scoring Croatia's only goal.

Alex McPherson made some good saves following two free-kicks to Croatia just outside the box, then Watson was called upon to save from a great drive by Bob McPherson in the 26th minute.

A shot by Farrugia was brilliantly saved by Watson then Marian Kovacic, certainly the best player in this Croatian team, tested McPherson on the other end.

Despite Melita's outstanding effort to keep possession, chances became thick and fast at both ends and Croatia looked set to go ahead after 59 minutes with Wally Savor firing from some seven metres and only McPherson to beat. How on earth McPherson got down to that ball escapes me, but the look of disbelief on the face of Wally Savor told the tale.

Watson made another great save from Farnsworth only a minute later, then came the moment of misery for Melita.

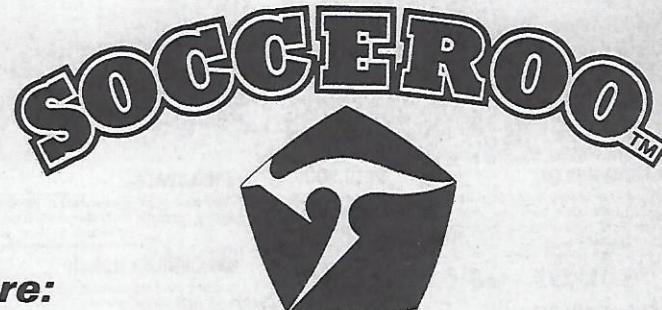
Within the space of 30 seconds it failed to score then faced a goal deficit.

After a fingertip Watson save, Croatia came out and scored from a near impossible situation. It was Marian Kovacic, the ever constructive and intelligent playmaker of Croatia who provided the pass to Rezo which led to the winning goal. Rezo crossed to the far post and Savor leant hand to nod the ball back into the net.

After a quick tap, Carrizo received the ball and it was left to Alex McPherson to challenge Carrizo, despite being left on his own for most of the game and despite hardly touching the ball all night, found the corner of the net to make it 1-0.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the New Zealand visitors to Australia for this first of an annual series clash.

The New Zealanders acquitted themselves with distinction in the 1982 World Cup and we congratulate them on their effort.

Whilst congratulating them, however, we are also out to seek friendly revenge for our loss in the elimination series in 1981.

It is essential that the Oceania Con-

federation has a strong representative in the World Series in 1986 and the interchange of the Australia and New Zealand teams is essential for the development within this area.

Once again on behalf of the executive and members of the Australian Soccer Federation we say welcome to New Zealand and trust that the game will reflect the friendly rivalry that exists between Australia and our closest neighbour.

— ARTHUR T. GEORGE,
ASF President



Sir Arthur George

Olympic Games next for New Zealand

NEW Zealand's two games against the Socceroos open what promises to be an exciting season for the kiwis.

Fearing that 1983 would be a dreary anti-climax after the exploits en route to and in Spain, the New Zealand federation entered the Olympic soccer tournament for the first time in an endeavour to provide players with a further, short term, in which to consolidate the tremendous interest in soccer the World Cup generated among New Zealand's sporting public.

The Kiwis have been drawn with Japan, Philippines, Taiwan and Papua New Guinea in their preliminary section.

With the top two entering the ten-strong final group of the Asia - Oceania play-offs, New Zealand should have little difficulty reaching that stage, with Japan probably accompanying them.

PNC was originally to have been the All Whites' first barrier on the road to Los Angeles in a two-match tie, until New Zealand F. A. Chairman Charlie Dempsey succeeded in getting the draw revised, with his team — now the top seed — being given a bye into the next round where they will play the winner of the Philippines - Papua New Guinea and Japan v. Taiwan ties in a home and away series in September and October.

Finance remains a major problem for the New Zealand federation. The expected World Cup bonanza did not materialise and left players resentful that they did not receive their promised reward. At the time of writing, the marketing company which handled all Mundial promotions was threatening to sue for what it believed was its share of proceeds from Spain.

The NZFA therefore is in need of money and was confident of obtaining this commodity in significant amounts from the first game against Australia yesterday (Tuesday) in Auckland.

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Australia "The Old Enemy", is always a sure draw-card when opposing New Zealand in New Zealand, irrespective of what the sport is.

Every Australian-based correspondent of the New Zealand media has spelt it out loud and clear: the Socceroos are thirsty for revenge.

Results in Singapore, Port Moresby, Acapulco and Costa Rica confirm that the Aussies have recovered quickly from the trauma of unexpected World Cup elimination.

Is New Zealand capable over two matches of thwarting an Australian side intent on regaining its traditional title as champion of Oceania?

Despite the retirement of key players and the unavailability of overseas-based

strikers Steve Wooddin and Wynton Rufer, World Cup experienced players will provide the backbone of the Kiwi's team.

Coach Alan Jones main problem is in attack. The Wooddin - Rufer front running partnership will be extremely difficult to replace.

Billy McClure, the ex-Liverpool reserve, appears a certainty for the starting line-up, with either Mike Groom or Peter Henry alongside him — both unproven quantities at international level.

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The New Zealand team that scored a 2-0 World Cup victory at the Sydney Cricket Ground in May, 1981, from left: Steve Sumner, Brian Turner, Steve Wooddin, Glen Dods, Ricki Herbert, John Hill, Richard Wilson, Duncan Cole, Keith Mackay, Grant Turner, Bobby Almond

1922 Kiwis were first opponents for Australia



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Socceroos have lost only seven of 32

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The first Australian national team on record was the one that toured New Zealand in 1922. Of the 14 matches played, the Socceroos won nine, drew one and lost four.

Results: v. Wanganui 2-1
v. Nelson 5-2
v. Wellington 0-3
v. Westland 2-1
v. South Island 4-1
v. Otago 2-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-3
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-1
v. Tararaki 6-1
v. Auckland 4-1
v. South Auckland 2-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 1-3
v. Manawatu 5-0

Fixtures between Australia and New Zealand became regular events after the 1922 tour. The nations met again in 1923, '33, '36, '48, '54, '58, '67, '72, '73, '76, '77, '79 and '81.

There have been 32 international matches between the two countries, not counting the one in Auckland last night (Tuesday). Of these, Australia has won 19, drawn six and lost seven, scoring 105 goals to 51.

The Socceroos' 10-0 result in Wellington in 1936 still stands as their biggest win. Their last loss to New Zealand was the 0-2 during the World Cup qualifying series at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1981.

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Loughran, Bruce Morwood, Gordon Nunn, Tony Vella, Bob Wemyss and Kev O'Neill but managed only 3-2 and 2-2 against New Zealand.

What's more, Auckland beat the Australians 2-1 in the first game of the tour.

Results: v. Auckland 1-2
v. Wellington 2-1
v. Combined NZ 8-1, 6-0,
8-4
v. South Island 3-0
v. Canterbury Province 10-1
v. NEW ZEALAND 3-2
v. NEW ZEALAND 2-2
v. Waikato 5-2

The touring party was: J. Marston, capt; Kitching, B. Morwood, H. Murdoch, K. O'Neill (all NSW); P. Adams (WA); W. Flindin (Tas); F. Loughran, T. Vella, R. Wemyss (Vic); J. Maher, I. McCabe (SA); G. Nunn, N. Rule, B. Volger (Qld).

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ROUND ONE

SATURDAY MARCH 5th

CANBERRA CITY v WOLLONGONG CITY, Seiffert Res. Queanbeyan 7pm

SUNDAY MARCH 6th

SOUTH MELBOURNE v PRESTON, Middle Park

K.O. 3pm

FOOTSCRAY v HEIDELBERG, Schintler Reserve

3pm

ADELAIDE CITY v WEST ADELAIDE, Hindmarsh Stadium

2.30pm

BRISBANE CITY v BRISBANE LIONS, Perry Park

3pm

MARCONI v SYDNEY CITY, Bossley Park

3pm

NEWCASTLE K.B. UN. v LEICHARDT I.S.C., Newcastle

3pm

ST. GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC, Barton Park

3pm

Wilson, Sibley, Malcolmson, Almond, Elrick, B. Turner, Sumner, Cole, Ormond (Stamp), Nelson, Verwei.

AUSTRALIA: Woodhouse, Curran, Wilson, O'Connor, Dugney (O'Shea), Henderson, Jankovic (Kosmina), Watson, Krncevic, Sharne (Muniz).

Then came the World Cup qualifiers of 1961 and the result was disastrous for the Socceroos.

Back in the 1973 qualifiers Australia was lucky to draw 1-1 in Auckland and then away a lead to draw 3-3 in Sydney before qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany.

This time, in 1981, they drew 3-3 in Auckland and lost 0-2 in Sydney where Steve Wooddin and Grant Turner scored the goals.

The results put Australia out of the running for the finals.



Peter Katholos, 1982 Player of the Year, attacks for Sydney Olympic against Adelaide City. At left is Glen Dods, former NZ international, and at right Socceroo Bobby Russell.

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Australian coach Les Scheinflug (right), with assistant Raul Blanco.

Australia



MARTYN CROOK (West Adelaide), goalkeeper. Rated No. 1 goalkeeper over the first six years of the National League. Joined West Adelaide from Para Hills in 1975. Born in England and came here at a young age. Went back to England in 1977 to trial briefly with Middlesbrough. Made national team debut in a 3-1 victory over Shandong Province in Peking in 1979. Has played 11 games for Australia, including seven full internationals.



BRUCE JAMES (Blacktown), goalkeeper. Was a surprise No. 2 selection for the Merlion Cup tournament in Singapore last year, ahead of other more established goalkeepers like Dennis Boland, Jeff Oliver, Kim Wishart, Steve Hozowski, etc. However, James has been called Australia's best goalkeeper by former Blacktown coaches Mick Jones and Rale Rasic. Born in Sydney and is 24 years old. Has yet to play his first game for the Socceroos.



ALAN DAVIDSON (South Melbourne Hellas), right back, left back or midfielder. Former national coach Rudi Gutendorf called him the best player in Australia. Fans also call him the Maradona of Hellas. One of the key players in the national team. Born in Melbourne, and joined Hellas in 1980 from Altona City. Graduated from the national youth team. Has scored six NSL goals. Played 25 games for Australia including 16 internationals. Made debut as sub. in 2-2 draw with Czechoslovakia in Melbourne in 1980.



STEVE BLAIR (South Melbourne Hellas), stopper. Born in Scotland, but came here at a young age. Played junior and then senior soccer with Melbourne club Albion Rovers and joined Hellas in 1981. Graduated from the national youth team, in which he played during the 1981 World Youth Championships. Socceroo debut against New Hebrides (1-0) during Oceanic Cup in Noumea, 1980. Played 15 national team games, including 11 full internationals. Has scored 3 NSL goals.



TONY HENDERSON (Marconi), sweeper or midfielder. Born in England, later played for East London in South Africa before coming to Australia for the start of the NSL to join Canberra City in 1977. Transferred to Marconi in 1978 for \$14,000. Has scored 11 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut against Wisla Krakow (1-3) in Sydney in 1979. Has played 38 national team games, including 24 full internationals, and scored five goals.



ALAN NIVEN (Brisbane Lions), left back. Born in Scotland and has been playing for Lions since the NSL started in 1977, when present Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug was coaching Lions. Has scored 3 NSL goals. Made his Socceroo debut against Fiji (4-1) in Suva in the 1981 World Cup. Has played 6 national team games — all of them full internationals.



BOBBY RUSSELL (South Melbourne Hellas), right back. Born in Scotland, played there and in New Zealand before joining Sydney Croatia, from where he transferred to Adelaide City in 1979. Joined South Melbourne for \$14,000 early this year and has scored 6 NSL goals. Voted Australian Player of the Year in 1981. Made Socceroo debut as a sub against New York Cosmos (2-1) in Sydney in 1979. Played four Socceroo matches, none of them full internationals.



DAVID RATCLIFFE (St. George Budapest), sweeper of stopper. Joined Brisbane City from Brisbane Lions and established a strong reputation there. Transferred to St. George in early 1982. Has scored 6 NSL goals. Socceroo debut against Thailand (4-0) in the 1982 Merlion Cup tournament, which Australia won. That's been his only game so far.



ROBERT WHEATLEY (Blacktown), right back. Australian born, 21 years old, Wheatley started with Kuringai. Graduated to the Socceroo squad from the national youth team, for which he played right back in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Socceroo debut as a sub against Dinamo Zagreb (3-3) in Canberra in 1981. Six Socceroo games, including four internationals.



ARNO BERTOGNA (APIA-Leichhardt), stopper. Born in Perth, where he played for Azzuri before joining Newcastle KB United in 1979. He switched to Wollongong in 1982 and now he's joined APIA. Scored 3 NSL goals. Socceroo debut against Partizan Belgrade (1-1) in Newcastle in 1979. Has been troubled recently by injury, which kept him out of the Merlion Cup squad. Has played 13 Socceroo games, including three full internationals, and has scored one goal.



PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic), midfielder. Born in Greece and came here at a young age. Went from Canterbury-Marrickville, to St. George Budapest and then to Olympic. Has scored 18 NSL goals. Named Australian of the Year in 1982. He and Davidson provide the strongest avenue of attack. Socceroo debut against Taiwan (3-2) in Adelaide in 1981. Played 8 Socceroo games, all of them full internationals, and scored two goals.



GARY BYRNE (Canberra City), midfielder. Born in England, and is the senior Socceroo in this squad. Played junior soccer in Sydney for Camden South Districts under 16s and Sutherland before joining Marconi, from where he transferred to Canberra in 1982. Now there's talk he may rejoin Marconi. Was in the national under 23 team in 1974-75 before being promoted to the full Socceroo team for his debut against China (1-0) in Melbourne in 1975. Has played 52 Socceroo games, including 28 full internationals, but has yet to score his first goal. In the NSL however, he has notched 22 goals.



GEORGE CHRISTOPoulos (Canberra City), midfielder. Born in Melbourne, he played junior and senior soccer for Coburg from where he transferred to South Melbourne Hellas in 1978. Switched to Canberra in 1982 after trialling in England with Newcastle. Has scored 21 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut as a sub. against Greece (1-2) in Melbourne in 1978 and played for the national youth team 10 times. Has played 11 Socceroo matches, including six full internationals, and has scored one goal.



PETER RASKOPoulos (Sydney Olympic), midfielder. Born in Sydney, former Rugby player who made his NSL senior debut with Olympic at only 16. Spent the 1980 season with Marconi before returning to Olympic. Has scored 8 NSL goals. Played in the World Youth Championships of 1979 and 1981. Made Socceroo debut as a sub. against Dinamo Zagreb (3-3) in Canberra in 1981. Played 9 Socceroo games including 4 full internationals, and scored one goal. Previously played 20 games for the national youth team.



PHIL O'CONNOR (Wollongong), striker or winger. Born in England where he played for Luton Town, and came to Australia in 1975 to join Safeway United (Wollongong). St. George bought him for \$9000 in 1977. He then spent 1980 and 81 with APIA and joined Wollongong in 1982. He has scored 59 NSL goals and is the all-time NSL top-scorer of St. George, and Wollongong, and the second-highest APIA scorer. Made Socceroo debut against Hong Kong (0-1) in Canberra in 1976. Played 17 Socceroo games including 10 full internationals, and scored four goals.



JOHN KOSMINA (Sydney City Hakoah), striker. Born in Adelaide. Joined West Adelaide on loan from Polonia Adelaide for the start of the NSL in 1977. He was so impressive in the national team during a tournament against Arsenal, Celtic and Red Star that year, that Arsenal signed him. He played a few senior matches with Arsenal before returning to West Adelaide in 1979. In between, he played off-season guest matches with Adelaide City at the start of 1981. Was voted Best Under 21 Player in Australia in 1977 and was NSL top-scorer in 1982 with 23 goals. Has scored 58 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut against Bologna (3-0) in Adelaide in 1976. Has played 45 Socceroo games, including 29 full internationals, and scored 17 goals.

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Former New Zealand national coach John Adshead (right), with assistant Kevin Fallon. Adshead has been replaced by Allan Jones.

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New Zealand

ALLAN JONES (National coach): New Zealand's national director of coaching since 1979. Jones replaces John Adshead who resigned just 10 days before the two-match series against Australia. Jones was national coach of English Fourth Division club Darlington and handles the NZ youth team.

KEVIN FALLON (Assistant Coach): Often abrasive, invariably effective. Fallon has motivating ability and defensive expertise. A professional at Rotherham United, Southend United and Sligo Rovers (Ire), Fallon came the youngest coach in the Rothmans' National League when appointed to the post at Gisborne City in 1972. 34 years of age, he still plays Gisborne's defence.



DAVID MITCHELL (Sydney City Hakoah), striker. A discovery of former national coach Rale Basic, who signed Mitchell from the SA State League while Basic was coaching Adelaide City in 1979. Transferred to Sydney City in early 1982. Has scored 21 NSL goals. Played in the 1981 World Youth Championship. Made Socceroo debut against Taiwan (3-2) in Adelaide in 1981. Played 9 Socceroo games, including 8 full internationals, and scored 8 goals.



GARY COLE (Heidelberg Utd), striker. All-time top NSL scorer with 81 goals in six seasons — all with Heidelberg, the club he joined from Ringwood Wilhelmina in 1976. Born in England, he played for South Yarra in Melbourne before joining Wilhelmina. Former Australian under 23 representative, made Socceroo debut against Greece (1-2) in Melbourne in 1978, and scored Australia's only goal. Has played 33 Socceroo games including 18 full internationals, and scored 21 goals, — equal second with Ray Baartz behind top-scorer Attila Abonyi. Scored seven in the 10-0 World Cup victory over Fiji last year, believed to be a goalscoring world record in a World Cup match.



MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi), striker. Born in Australia, made senior debut with St. George and was second-highest scorer in their 1975 NSW championship win. Transferred to Marconi for \$7500 in 1978 and was NSL top scorer with 18 goals in 1979. In all, has scored 65 NSL goals. Made Socceroo debut against New Zealand (1-0) in Auckland in 1976. Played 30 Socceroo games including 14 full internationals, and scored 2 goals.



MARSHALL SOPER (Sydney Olympic), striker. Born in Australia, he transferred from APIA to Olympic this year for \$20,000 — the equal highest price paid so far this season, and was a sensation in a pre-season challenge tournament. Has scored 25 goals in two NSL seasons. Has yet to make his Socceroo debut.



TONY BRENNAN (Canberra City), striker. Born in Australia, joined Canberra from Brisbane Lions in 1980 and has scored 20 NSL goals. Has yet to make his Socceroo debut.



New Zealand against Brazil during the 1982 World Cup in Spain. Goalkeeper Frank Van Hattum saves a shot by Socrates. The NZ defenders are Ricki Herbert and Bobby Almond (right).

New Zealand



FRANK VAN HATTUM (Christchurch Mogul United): Surprisingly elevated to the position of his country's number one goalkeeper in Spain, van Hattum enjoyed a superb World Cup. Bought by Feyenoord after the Mundial, he was thwarted from joining the crack European outfit by his then club Manurewa which insisted upon a transfer fee. When van Hattum's contract elapsed, Feyenoord had lost interest; as the Dutch season was well underway. Recently signed by Christchurch Mogul United. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 15.



BARRY PICKERING (National Mutual Miramar Rangers): A highly competent keeper, whose international opportunities have been hampered by a series of injuries. Pickering made his New Zealand debut at the 1978 President's Cup in Seoul. A member of the Wellington provincial team which toured Northern New South Wales in 1980, Pickering played for Petone, Stop Out and Christchurch Mogul United, before joining his present club; with which he won a Chatham Cup runners-up medal last season. Age: 26. NZ Appearances: 7.



RICKI HERBERT (Sydney Olympic): An ever-present during the Kiwis' epic World Cup campaign, Herbert is a powerful, mobile centre back. His aerial ability at both ends of the paddock was crucial in keeping New Zealand on the road to Spain. Now with Sydney Olympic, he has the credentials to become one of New Zealand's greatest soccer sons. Age: 21. NZ Appearances: 26.



ALLAN BOATH (Unattached): A hard-running, determined midfielder or central defender. Boath was one of the more impressive New Zealanders in Spain and promises to be a vital part of John Adshead's plans for the future. World Cup commitments limited Boath's appearances for West Adelaide in 1982, his first season in Philips' League soccer. Now back in New Zealand, he is currently training with Christchurch Mogul United, but has yet to sign a contract with them. Recent statements indicate that Boath would welcome an opportunity to continue his career in Australia. The Scottish born player's previous clubs include Dundee United, Forfar Athletic and Woolton Working Men's Club. Age: 25. NZ Appearances: 12.



DUNCAN COLE (Canberra City): Cole, an enthusiastic, pacy powerhouse type player, is equally at home in defence or midfield, but probably better equipped for the latter role. An integral part of New Zealand's squad since his debut against England B in 1978, Cole is now back at Canberra after stints with original club Hanmer North Shore United and Tung Sing (Hong Kong). Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 38.



MARTIN FELTON (Manurewa): Drafted from the New Zealand Under 19 team, which contested the Oceania Youth Cup in Papua New Guinea, English born Felton is a solid defender who may well be asked to fill the vast void left by Bobby Almond's retirement. A member of the Papatoetoe club side which won the Northern Regional League last year, he recently signed for Manurewa. Age: 19. NZ Appearances: 0.



STEVE SUMNER (Manurewa): Sumner, an inspirational captain and forceful midfielder, has emerged as one of the great figures in New Zealand sport during the past two years. Always on the lookout for scoring opportunities, he boasts goals against Australia and Scotland, plus 6 against Fiji. Failed to make the expected impression in Australia during spells with Newcastle KB United (1981) and West Adelaide (1982). Now back in New Zealand, with Manurewa. Aged: 27. NZ Appearances: 70.



KEITH MURRAY (Manurewa): A lively, bustling linkman, well nick-named "Buzzer", Only 5'7", but with a big heart, Mackay was judged New Zealand's best World Cup performer by John Adshead. He recently joined Manurewa, after being formerly with Gisborne City and Elson United. Age: 26. NZ Appearances: 21.



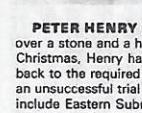
KENNY CRESSWELL (Gisborne City): Cresswell, a utility player, was not called upon for the World Cup qualifying series, yet played in all three games in Spain. He shows excellent technique as both full back and midfielder. Should be on the international scene for many years to come. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 14.



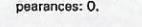
BILLY McCLURE (Mount Wellington): Called up for New Zealand B duty within days of gaining citizenship, McClure was later promoted to the World Cup squad, appearing against China, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. He joined home town club Liverpool straight from school, but could not progress beyond the famous reds' reserve team and moved to Mount Wellington via Persepolis (Iran). With Mount Wellington, McClure has won a host of honors, including the Arcus Trophy as New Zealand's best and fairest player in 1979. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 10.



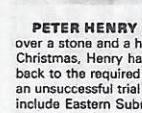
GRANT TURNER (Christchurch Mogul United): Turner will be keen to erase memories of a disastrous 1982 campaign, which included a brief, unproductive period at South Melbourne Hellas. Now recovered from the ankle injury which ruled him out of the World Cup finals, he is a vital cog in the Kiwis' line up. A pugnacious little midfielder, but often over zealous and lacking in discipline, Turner was discarded by both Hellas and Gisborne City last season. Age: 24. NZ Appearances: 27.



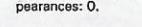
MIKE GROOM (Manurewa): Disenchanted by his early experiences of international football in 1980, Groom retired and turned to road cycling. The defection lasted only a few months and now the rejuvenated blond striker is eager to progress. Initially with Hamilton, Groom is now at Manurewa. He faces the daunting task of replacing the voluntarily exiled Wynton Rufer. Age: 22. NZ Appearances: 14.



ALEX METZGER (Mount Wellington): Another who has returned to the senior squad, London born Metzger gained his first international cap against Fiji in 1979 and was a member of the Merdeka Tournament side two years later. A midfielder, he served Blockhouse Bay, Lyndale and Manurewa before joining Mount Wellington. Age: 23. NZ Appearances: 6.



ADRIAN ELRICK (Hanmer North Shore United): With the discarding of Brian Turner, Elrick is now the squad's most experienced member. Able to play at left back or in midfield, Elrick proved himself to be a supreme exponent of tight, man to man marking during the World Cup. Scottish born, he came to New Zealand as an infant and has been with his present club since 1968. Age: 33. NZ Appearances: 77.



PETER HENRY (Hanmer North Shore United): Admitting to being over a stone and a half overweight when brought into the squad just after Christmas, Henry has undertaken a strict training schedule to get himself back to the required fitness. An exciting, but inconsistent, forward, he had an unsuccessful trial with Sydney City Hakoah in 1980. Other clubs served include Eastern Suburbs, Hamilton and Courier Rangers. Age: 21. NZ Appearances: 0.



Harry Croft

Bill Curran

David Gilbert

• The Australian under 16 squad that finished second in the 1979 Lion City Cup in Singapore. Veneri is now with Marconi, Carter plays NSL with APIA, Patikas with Olympic. The pictures are from the official Lion City Cup programme.



Tony Veneri

Chris Miner

Angelo Petrakos

Brett Wood

Paul Carter



David Watt

James Patikas

Clark Anderson

S Dukic

Chris Spanos



Romano Rossi

Robert Erdeg

Darren Taylor

George Savidis

Brian Stark

Success the result of many tours

The success of the national youth team in qualifying for the finals of the World Youth Championship is the latest in a long series of milestones for Australian youth soccer.

There was, for example, the 1978 American tour by the national schoolboys squad, and our participation in the 1979 Lion City Cup tournament for under 16 teams in Singapore.

The team that finished runner-up to Iraq in the Lion City Cup provided three players for the 1981 World Youth Championship squad — Jim Patikas, Brett Woods and David Watt.

The Australians, under Victorian coach Bill Curran, topped their group with nine points from a possible 12 and a goals tally of 17-2. Next came Iraq, Bahrain, Singapore B, South Korea, India and Malaysia A.

The finishing order in the other group was: Thailand, Singapore A, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia B, Brunei, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

Australia beat Singapore A 3-0 in the semi-finals but lost 1-3 to Iraq in the final.

The previous year, 1978, coach Tom McCulloch took the national schoolboys squad to North America.

That squad provided many players for the 1978-1979 World Youth Championship qualifying series — Greg Woodhouse, Mike Milovanovic, George Christopoulos, John Spanos, Mike Boogaard, Peter Raskopoulos, Malcolm McClelland, Eddie Kracevic and Paul Kay.

Of these, Raskopoulos and Kay also played in the 1981 World Youth Championships.

Other players, still young, experience is vital to the development of young players. Who can doubt it after the experience of the past four months?

When it came to the crunch during the qualifying series in Costa Rica, Les Scheinfug's men were sufficiently battle-hardened and closely-knit as a



• Raul Blanco relaxes with Australia's top soccer paper.

unit to withstand the fiercest possible pressure. Their resilience, their team play, their toughness and their personal friendships all had been developed during a long and hard training camp.

They had competed with the world's best — Argentina, Brazil, USSR — in the Havilange youth tournament in Mexico, and they had on the Oceania Youth Cup in steaming Port Moresby.

Most back home believed that after they had lost 1-3 to Israel in the first qualifying match in Costa Rica, the Australians were dead and gone. But not so; they won the return game with Israel 2-1 and in doing so they gave the Israelis one of the sort of morale that the Israelis had dashed out earlier.

The result of course, is history. Israel, needing to beat Costa Rica in the last game to overtake Australia, managed only a 2-2 draw, meaning Australia had qualified for the world youth finals in Mexico in June.

Tom McCulloch, Australian captain and sweeper, was hailed as one of the team's finest players, but in that 2-1 victory over Israel, the glory went to midfielders Jim Patikas and Russell Stewart. Patikas, incidentally, was in the national under 16 squad in Singapore in 1979, and also played in the finals of the 1981 world youth titles.

David Lowe and Rod Brown formed a skilful and deadly attacking combination, with Fabio Incantalupo wide on the left, and Frank Farina on the right.

Chris Hummell of Canberra City was solid and sometimes spectacular in goal, while Roy Jones was a tower of strength in defence. There were many others of course, but basically it was team work rather than individual brilliance that got the young Socceroos into the finals.

And while they bask in their success, they should spare some thought to the tradition established for them over these past six years or so. Without that groundwork, without the pioneering, the success would have been unthinkable.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Back, back!

Some 300 people waited for the young Socceroos at Mascot airport to cheer and hug the youngsters who put up a magnificent effort to come from behind and win the WYC qualifying series in Costa Rica from Israel.

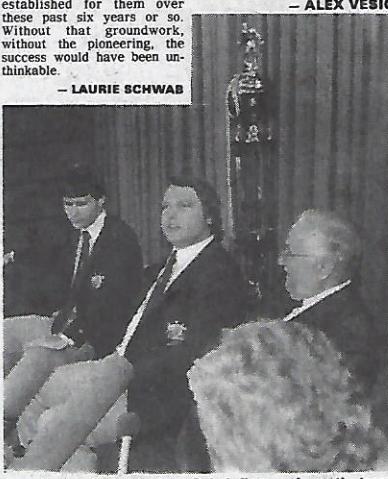
It is the second time the Socceroos have qualified for the World Youth Cup and the first time that the Aussies have come through by winning their qualifying series.

"We have never experienced anything like the tackling we coped in the very first game of the tournament," said Tom McCulloch. "It's a young tournament. Most of us placed in the top competition in Australia, but this was something else," he added. "It was too much for us in the first game and we lost, but we knew what to expect in the second game against Israel and that was the difference."

"In fact it was our second game against Israel that won the tournament. They never recovered from that match. We beat them and on top of it they lost a couple of players through suspension. The rest of the Israeli side could not cope with the mental and physical pressures and succumbed meekly," added Les Scheinfug.

Raul Blanco, assistant coach, was elated: "As you know I was able to converse with the locals in Spanish. During the last 10 minutes of the game between Costa Rica and Israel, the locals started to move forward and tear the Israelis apart. But at the same time they opened up at the back, allowing the Israelis to counter and create an opening. I started screaming at them in Spanish to regroup and GO BACK, for God sake! They obviously didn't hear me, and in the end we all had to cry a little in relief."

— ALEX VESIC



• National coach Les Scheinfug and youth team captain Tom McCulloch show off the trophy won for qualifying for the WYC finals in Costa Rica at a press conference on their return. Picture by ALEX VESIC

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Here is the triumphant Socceroo squad that has qualified for the 1982 World Youth Championships in Mexico in June. The only picture missing is that of Frank Farina.



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Russell Stewart



Danny Wright



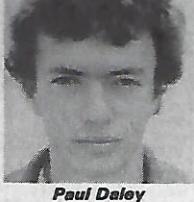
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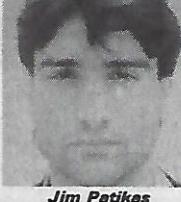
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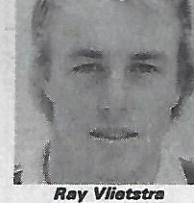
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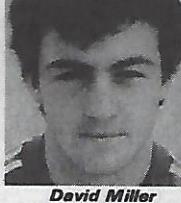
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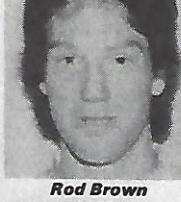
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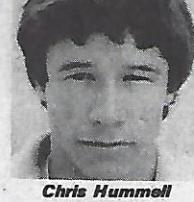
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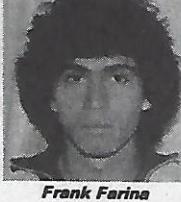
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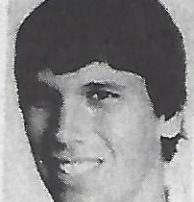
Rod Brown



Chris Hummell



Frank Farina



Roy Jones



Luciano Febrizio



From this team emerged many of Australia's current Socceroos. It's the Australian schoolboys team that toured North America in 1978. From left, standing: Malcolm McClelland, Peter Katholos, Charlie Yankos, Eddie Krnecovic, Tony Pezzano, Greg Woodhouse, Mike Milovanovic, Mike Boogard, Peter Raskopoulos, John Spanos, Tommy O'Halloran. Front: Jack Dodd (team manager), Arthur Sharpe, Ian Hunter, George Christopoulos, Bobby McLachlan (coach), Danny Moulis, Paul Iannance, Paul Key, Bill Turner (liaison officer).

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Young players star in NSL

Who'll be the next Craig Johnston?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Australian soccer may be on the threshold of producing quality youth en masse to match the ever-increasing quantity of juniors playing soccer in this country.

Craig Johnston of English giant Liverpool still is the only million dollar Australian product.

Eddie Krncevic, a Socceroo youth product, is in his second year as a full time professional with leading Yugoslav club Dinamo Zagreb.

Craig Johnston of Liverpool — Australia's first million dollar player.



Australia's soccer youth is on the march. Of that there can be no doubt.

Our national youth team

was beaten in a three-nation clash in Paraguay in 1979 in its attempt to qualify for the World Youth Cup finals. As host nation of this prestigious tournament in 1981 we gained an automatic berth into the finals and stunned the soccer world with a 2-1 victory over Argentina and a 1-1 draw with England, results which catapulted us into the quarter-finals

where we lost 1-0 to eventual world youth champion West Germany.

Now we're off to Mexico to contest the finals of the 1983 World Youth Cup.

Every sports minded Australian in this sports mad country can't have failed to be impressed by

our youth team. The manner in which we overcame the Israelis in Costa Rica also stirs the Australian blood which pumps ever faster in the knowledge that tremendous odds have been overcome. Most Australian fans love to attribute a never-

say-die quality to their sporting heroes. The 1983 Australian youth team never will lose that tag.

Giant inroads have been made by our youth team into a largely hostile media. At last year's Sport Australia awards our youth team was acknowledged as the greatest team in the land that year.

The hurriedly and poorly organised 'Battle of the Codes' held recently in Melbourne indirectly acknowledges the success of Australian soccer's youth. This VFL-masterminded tourney was a propaganda exercise organised in direct response to statistics showing the dramatic upsurge in junior participation in soccer.

State and National Youth Leagues are in their infancy but their existence is a necessary step toward developing local talent. Let's hope that such leagues become stronger and serve as stepping stones to senior team careers for the many promising, talented youngsters in their ranks.

Jimmy Shoulder's Institute of Sport team provided seven players of the 19 member youth squad which triumphed in Costa Rica — Danny Wright, Marcelo Salvo, Frank Farina, Rod Brown, Anthony Franken, Luciano Fabrizio and Chris Hummel — irrefutable evidence of the important part played by the institute in the development of local talent.

Just look at some of the local talent content in the national league: Seb Giampaolo, Walter Valeri, Tony Morselli (APIA); Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos, Marshall Soper (Olympic); David Lowe, Howard Tredinnick, Neil Endacott (Newcastle KB); Robbie Dunn, Tom

Draw for the finals

The draw for the World Youth Cup finals in Mexico next year will be made in Mexico City today (Wednesday).

The 16 qualifiers will be split into four groups with the venues Mexico City, Toluca, Puebla, Guadalajara, Monterrey, Irapuato and Leon.

The qualifiers are:

EUROPE: Austria, Scotland, Netherlands, Poland, Czechoslovakia and USSR.

AFRICA: Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

ASIA: South Korea and China.

NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA: USA and Mexico.

SOUTH AMERICA: Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

OCEANIA: Australia

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The Australian team that won the Oceania Cup in Noumea in 1980 — mainly young players from the then youth team. At left is Peter Raskopoulos, flanked by Vic Bozanic, Steve Blair and Yakkia Banovic. Eddie Krncevic holds aloft the trophy, next to coach Rudi Gutendorf, and Alan Davidson is at front, centre.



Former youth International Eddie Krncevic (left), with team mate Greg Woodhouse. Krncevic now plays for Dinamo Zagreb in Yugoslavia.



Four stars who emerged from the 1978-79 national youth team, train on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on a Socceroo tour, from left: Theo Solaemid, Peter Katholos, Steve Hoza, Greg Woodhouse.



From **JIM COOK**
our European
correspondent

Bond dallies, hail Kaiser

Story uncovered early in week about private eye agency tailing John Bond who recently quit as manager of Manchester City and revealing he has been having an affair with a 35-year-old divorcee for some time. The woman works as a lottery clerk at City's Maine Road ground and her ex-husband with whom she is now reconciled plays for Man City Social Club FC and alleges Bond broke up their marriage. Bond, 50, is married with a grown-up family and son Kevin plays for Man City.

Kaiser honored

Franz Beckenbauer who captained West Germany to World Cup victory in 1974 and won three European Cup medals and a host of domestic trophies with Bayern Munich has been honored by his native state of Bavaria. The 37-year-old has been awarded the Order of Merit for making Bavaria "famous throughout the world".

Moore for US

Reports suggest that Bobby Moore, who captained England's Victoria Cup final side in 1966, may quit as boss of Hong Kong side Eastern United to team up with another former English star, Rodney Marsh, in control of American Soccer League team Carolina Lightning.

No appearance

One of the player survivors of the Manchester United Munich air disaster in 1958, John Berry, was an absentee from a recent reunion. Although it was reported that Berry still felt the effects too deeply to attend, it is known he has had a long-standing dispute with the club.

Nattrass nags

Middlesbrough defender Irving Nattrass, who cost the club \$750,000 from Newcastle in 1979 and is now 30, breeds and owns nine top show-jumping horses — a legacy from his father-in-law the late James Little who was a leading trainer. But Nattrass, a former England under 23 international, still wants to go into soccer management when his playing days are over.

First bargain

Liverpool has made it crystal clear it will no longer pay astronomical transfer fees and will come to the lower leagues for potential talent. The First Division league leader has grabbed its first bargain, 17-year-old Darren McLean, a midfielder from Scottish Highland League club Inverness Thistle for a mere \$10,000.

Athey signs

Bill Athey, the England and Yorkshire cricketer, has signed for Third Division Brentford on a non-contract basis.

Platini to go?

Michel Platini, France's World Cup captain, is reported as saying he will quit Juventus next year to play in the North American Soccer League.

UK sin bin?

John Camkin, former top sports journalist who is secretary of the Football League Executive Staff Association has revealed a vast majority of clubs in England would support an application to the International Football Federation for the introduction of the "sin bin". Camkin also said majority of clubs are against complete freedom of contract for players and against artificial playing pitches which only Queens Park Rangers have.

A bitter taste remains in the mouths of Clarinda officials in the wake of the reshuffle of the Victorian leagues which took place late last year.

Clarinda finished third in Third Division of the Provisional Leagues yet fourth placed Clifton Hill was promoted instead, in the reshuffle caused by the amalgamation of State Leagues Sunshine and George Cross.

Many third placed clubs were promoted to fill vacancies which mushroomed throughout the leagues as a result of the Chaplin Reserve marriage.

Clarinda sought an official explanation from Soccer House. It met with as much success as did.

The examining and screening sub-committee of the federation decided which clubs would be promoted to fill the vacancies and in accordance with the VSF constitution we do not have to give a reason for such decisions, says VSF secretary George Wallace.

Was the film "Catch 22" loosely based upon certain operations of the VSF?

The VSF constitution certainly isn't a humanistic document designed to deal with the realities of communication between Soccer House and VSF member clubs.

It's about time that either the constitution is changed or the attitude of people interpreting it from an official level is changed.

The aims and aspirations of many clubs are to strike. Take Clarinda for instance. Should the Greek sponsored club aim to win the championship this year or go all out to finish in fourth place in Third Division?

Clarinda is confident of finishing in the top two spots this season and hopefully winning promotion.

Ex-South Melbourne Helias player Takis Mandarakis is coach. He took over for the second half of last season and Clarinda won a staggering 23 out of a possible 26 points.

As we went to press it was



Victorian Provisional League round-up with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Juan Vega and utility player Rene Vega.

Altona United

Former Victorian junior representative and Footscray JUST player, Paul Oravec, is coaching Altona United.

United has retained the bulk of last year's squad, notably its 1982 best and fairest star, John Gavins, striker Slobodan Dimitrievski, a former Altona United junior who had a stint at Altona Gates, defender Tommy Dimovski, a 20 year old in his seventh year with the club, and attacking midfielder Paul Gallo, a former Victorian junior player.



Takis Mandarakis during his playing days at South Melbourne Hellas.

Moe United

Former Leeds United trialist, Ian Lindsay, is the newly appointed player-coach of Moe United. The midfielder has coached the Latrobe Valley to success in the past three annual country championships.

Diamond Valley

Diamond Valley (formerly Diamond Creek) has signed eight

new players and was negotiating with Thomastown to buy a striker as we went to press.

Former Heidelberg Bundoora and Greensborough coach Neilson Love is first team boss.

The newcomers are: Full backs Ken and Paul Watson from Heidelberg Bundoora; 18 year old midfielder Robert Love, ex-Heidelberg-Bundoora and Greensborough; Maurice Mihailidis, an 18 year old midfielder from Northcote; former Melbourne

Croatia striker Tony Murkovic; Roanna defender Bernie Yearley whose transfer fee was about \$10,000; Peter Harry, a goalkeeper formerly on the books of English club Tranmere Rovers; and left winger Brian Reid from North Dandenong.

Diamond Valley recently moved into new \$80,000 clubrooms and at this early stage of the season has emerged as a leading candidate for promotion from Provisional Fourth Division.

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Kyneton

Wally Kulyk of Melbourne

Croatia fame is the new player-coach of Kyneton United.

Young Frankston Pines mid-

fielder Ken Murphy is set to sign

but Kyneton looks certain to lose

striker Wally Schuliger who

joined from Ardeer last year.

South Dandenong

Surely South Dandenong was the most successful club in Victoria, if not Australia, last

The seniors won the

championship, the reserves

finished second, the under-18s

won the championship, the under-14s

finished second, the under-13s

won the championship, the under-11s

won the championship and the

under-10s finished second!

Carlos Bravo senior is first team coach. His namesake and son, Ringwood Wilhelmina's goalkeeper, also hopes to join but Wilhelmina's asking price, believed to be about \$600, is proving prohibitive.

The Chilean sponsored club has lost three players to Cheltenham — midfiel-

der Eduardo Sanchez, left back

Dobson, Campbell tops as Vics down Queensland

VICTORIA 2 (Murphy 22nd, Brown 27th) **QUEENSLAND 0** at Parry Park. Crowd: 1500. Conditions: Hot and humid. Referee: Alan Kibbler. 7. Cautions: Old — Russell Stewart 55'; Vic — Brown 11'; Peter Lewis 44'.

QUEENSLAND: Tony Scanlan 5, Steve Perry 7, Frank Liddell 8, Peter Takies 7, Billy Wilkinson 6, Phil Thompson 5 (Danny Wright H.T. 7), Russell Stewart 7, Frank Pimblett 9, Steve Hogg 7, Billy Williamson 7, Stephen Glockner 7.

VICTORIA: Dennis Boland 8, Peter Lewis 7, John Yendorm 8, Ian Dobson 8, Charlie Yanicos 7, Jim Campbell 7, Ken Murphy 8, David Brown 7, Charlie Egan 7, Paul Lewis 7b, 61, Steve Woodin 7, George Campbell 9 (Adams 69th).

Victorian coach Tim White

rated his state side second in

Australia only to the national

team after it downed Queens-

land 2-0 in a scrappy encounter

at Perry park last Sunday.

"I have the nucleus now of

what is a good side and with so

many other talented players

trying to get into the Victorian

team, we can only get better,"

said White.

Victoria played without

national team defenders Steve

Blair and Alan Davidson and

injured Gary Cole, but still

proved too organised for the

disjointed Queensland team

which had only a limited pre-

paration under new coach

Bruce Stowell.

As expected Queensland stac-

ked the midfield with Steve

Hogg, Frank Pimblett, Phil

Thompson and Russell Stew-

art, but the Victorians, despite

losing Charlie Egan after four

minutes, stuck to their pre-

match plan and swung the ball

wide, attacking down the

flanks.

Speedy South Melbourne

Hellas striker George Camp-

bell was particularly effective

and caused former Socceroo

fullback Steve Perry to stay in

close attention and not move

forward on an overlap. Camp-

bell could join Melbourne

based national league rival

Preston Makedonia this week.

Doug Brown on the other

flank hustled his way through

on a number of occasions and

was rewarded with his 27th

minute goal.

But the first breakthrough

came from South Melbourne's

Ken Murphy, who looked effec-

tive in midfield and certainly

not shy in taking on Queens-

land defenders. Many of the



Ricky Rosso

Memories, memories

By PETER SCOTT

Maroons seemed to be taken by surprise as Murphy ran straight at them then weaved to the side. He gave an indication of things to come with a good run in the fifth minute and again the 17th minute. Shortly after, in the 22nd minute, Scanlan allowed John Yendorm to knock a freekick almost across the width of the box to Murphy who blasted it into the top corner past an unsuspecting Scanlan.

Brown's goal, only five minutes later, was even more unbelievable. The stocky Preston Makedonia striker took on the edge of the box, cut in slightly and lobbed it in what was little more than a speculative shot. Scanlan appeared to have it covered but to the surprise of everyone, the ball continued through his hands into the net.

At 2-0 up after only 27 minutes, both teams had only two real scoring chances each in a match which rarely got above a pre-season muddle. Some aggression crept into the match and more Queenslanders were lucky not to join the two Victorian sides in the book.

Just prior to the Victorian second goal, big defender Peter Tokies managed to hit a great volley off a Stewart corner and Williamson flick on. The shot went wide of a diving Boland before Yendorm stopped it from going in the net.

But the Footscray J U S T keeper was outstanding on all other occasions and made several good saves including one with his legs at close range from Glockner.

Ian Polson, making his state team debut, rarely put a foot wrong and with the guidance of the experienced Yendorm was not only sound in defence, but did an amazing

amount of support work and even was unlucky not to score with a header off a corner early in the second half.

The final attitude of the team must reflect on the captaincy of Jim Campbell, his first time in the role, and although he was a little more quiet than usual in the play, his direction was obvious.

Pimblett was by far the best

Queenslander, doing an amazing amount of work and dictating the play. In fact, overall the Queensland performance only proved to boost the national league hopes of Brisbane City supporters. The seven City players, including Billy Williamson, who is certain to switch clubs, were among the Maroons' best.

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Queenslanders were lucky not to

join the two Victorian sides in

the book.

Dean Hennessey did well in his debut for Albion but Brian

Galea was Albion's best and looks to have a very promising future in State League.

Albion persisted with the of-

fensive play and although Croydon had a lot of possession, credit must go to Albion for the commitment shown by most of its players.

BUFFALO CUP FINAL STANDINGS SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	3	1	0	8	4	7
Albion Rovers	2	1	1	5	5	5
Polonia	1	2	2	7	7	3
Fawkner	1	2	4	6	3	3
Wilhelmina	1	2	5	7	2	2

Croydon and Albion Rovers qualify for the semi-finals.

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
S.M. Hellas	3	1	1	11	1	7
Sun-G. Cross	1	1	3	5	5	5
Northeast	1	2	1	2	3	3
Devonton	1	2	4	6	3	3
Box Hill	1	3	1	11	2	2

S.M. Hellas and Sun-G. Cross qualify for the semi-finals.

SECTION C

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
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CROSS VICTORIAN STRIKES BACK

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 2 (Gilder 27th, Mussel 53rd) **DOVETON 2** (Stirton 4th, Criddle 18th) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6 — Mussel 8, Lowe 7, Lawson 6, McKinley 7, Scarri 6, Richardson 6, Mudrinic 5 (Waterson 43rd) — Pete 7, Gilder 7, McRobert 6.

DOVETON: Ryan 7 — Threlow 6, Corka 6, Hulius 7, Waite 5 — Dowie 7, Criddle 5 (Bruce H.T. 6), Waterhouse 6 — Stirton 7, M. Lennox 7 (P. Lennox 60th), Attlett 7.

superb Steve Richardson cross found unmarked Carl Gilder and the former Victorian state team striker made certain with a firm header.

A Gilder lay off in the 53rd minute into the path of the incoming Frank Mussel led to the equaliser, Mussel shooting hard, low and accurately from about 18 metres out.

Sunshine-George Cross is restores to be interested in signing Ringwood Wilhelmina midfielder Joe Tront. The talented Tront has played with Victoria, Croydon, Mooroolbark, Croatia and Heidelberg United.



Sunshine-George Cross striker Carl Gilder.

ROODHOUSE SENT OFF

By LES SHORROCK

S.M. HELLAS 5 (Davidson 6, Davidson 7, Kekanontis 6, Kellatidis 8, Verdis 5 (sub Kaiser H.T.), van Egmond 6, Boszino 5 (sub Bitonis H.T.), Kekanontis 6, Abramov 5, Petzakis 4, Kalamokis 6).

BOX HILL: McKinley 5, Gabrielson 5, I. Roodhouse (off 22nd), Lawler 7, A. Roodhouse 6, Davidson 5, Hughes 4, McLeod 5, Valentine 5, Verreich 5, Azopardi 5.

Forget the score, this game ceased to be an even contest after half an hour.

A superb header from the 18th minute sent Paul Criddle in the clear. He kept his head and slotted the ball past the advancing Contini.

Nine minutes later Sunshine-George Cross hit back. A

superb goal from the bench by the 18th minute sent Paul Criddle in the clear. He kept his head and slotted the ball past the advancing Contini.

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superb goal from the bench by the 18th minute sent Paul Criddle in the clear. He kept his head and slotted the ball past the advancing Contini.

It's true it is negotiating with an experienced centre-half, Jack Trainer, and has another two imports in mind.

But on its Buffalo Cup performances it is about seven players short of being an average State League side, and if it kicks off its League programme in three weeks time with this lot, it will get slaughtered.

You have to feel sorry for coach Bill Murray, one of the nicer blokes in the game. He sits on the bench quietly growing an ulcer and discoursing in learned fashion with assistant Keith Webster about long and short balls and playing to feet and all the rest of the text-book stuff whilst his charges are struggling to master the rudiments like trapping the ball and kicking it straight.

Not that South, on this showing at any rate, is much better.

With George Hannah, Sean Rooney and Duncan Cummings out of last year's outfit, only Chris Kalamokis and Danny Davidson look the part, but of course, by the time the league season starts, canny Jim Armstrong will have discarded most of these trialists, and with a couple of national league spares, South probably will occupy a respectable mid-table position.

England delayed

England soccer manager Bobby Robson has put back by one week his team's three-match summer tour of Australia.

Robson said the tour, originally due to begin the first week of June, would now take place June 11 to 19.

He wanted his players to have "at least a few days' rest" after England's final match in the British Championship series against arch-rivals Scotland on June 1.

Robson said he hoped that the later dates for the games in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Melbourne could also enable him to field "a considerably stronger team" than originally planned. He now hopes players from English champions Liverpool will be available for selection.



South Melbourne Hellas sweeper Steve Kakantonis.

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domenica prossima all' Olympic Park ci sarà l'atto finale della Ampol Cup 1983, una competizione che quest'anno ha raggiunto alti livelli di interesse e di pubblico, a causa principalmente della partecipazione delle quattro squadre della Lega Nazionale, che, assieme alle prime quattro della Lega Statale, hanno dato vita ad un torneo, interessante, tecnicamente eletto a carico di campionato.

Oltre alla competizione in se stessa c'erano i duelli fra le due leghe che cercavano di imporsi o di annullare la supremazia fino ad ora rivendicata dalla Lega Nazionale. E' sin-tomatico a questo proposito confrontare alcune dichiarazioni di McKendry, allenatore del Green Gully ed ex del Hei-

delberg. Quando egli era alla guida della squadra greca di Lega Nazionale, egli aveva dichiarato che il diario fra questa e la Lega Statale era incomparabile. Venerdì scorso, dopo la facile vittoria della sua squadra presente contro il South Melbourne, gli è stata ricordata questa sua precedente dichiarazione. Dopo uno scherzo: "Sono stato io a riempire il vuoto", egli ha detto che molti giocatori della Lega Statale sono tecnicamente uguali a quelli della Lega Nazionale, la differenza invece verrebbe riscontrata nella preparazione e nel grado di professionalità delle due leghe.

La settimana scorsa egli ha detto — a Green Gully ci siamo allenati tutte le sere per due ore e due ore anche la domenica mattina". Il risultato e' che domenica la Green Gully disputerà la

finale contro l'Heidelberg e in cassa" in totale qualcosa come \$30.000. E poiché i soldi sono un ingrediente importantissimo del successo di una squadra e il Green Gully aveva già vinto in anni recenti questa competizione, è facile dedurre come questa squadra senza tradizioni, senza pubblico e senza fronzoli sia andata così bene in tempi recenti.

Oltre ai soldi, il successo nella prima competizione importante dell'anno rende molto vero il detto: "Chi ben comincia e' alla metà dell'opera". Giocatori, tecnici, dirigenti, soci e sostenitori in generale vengono inviati da quella euforia che dice molto bene per il resto dell'anno: le prestazioni continuano ad alto livello, il lavoro da piu' soddisfazione e le quote di tesseramento vengono sborsate con piacere. Gully Senza contare gli spon-

sori in Predicato che così' hanno la certezza di mettere i loro soldi sulla carta vincente proprio nel periodo che stanno considerando la loro partecipazione o meno in questa avventura pubblicitaria.

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Il Morwell che, ricordiamolo, era l'anno scorso la matricola della Lega Statale e che all'inizio di quest'anno ha operato un largo programma di ricostruzione della squadra, non era certo in condizioni ideali per ambire ai turni finali dell'Ampol Cup e il suo comportamento nei fasti eliminatori e' stato piu' che meritato, mentre i circa \$10.000 di incassi rappresentano un bonus alla sua cassa già ben fornita.

Per la Juventus il discorso e' invece molto diverso, come la necessita' di incassi e di successo e' anche molto maggiore.

"La vecchia signora" con la squadra che aveva finito al terzo posto l'anno scorso, puo' qualche sanguigna aggiunta avrebbe potuto fare indubbiamente quello che ha fatto il Green Gully. E il comitato era stato ben avvisato per tempo del grossi guadagni e la fede che si poteva fare in una prestazione vincente nell'Ampol Cup avrebbe procurato al club in quest'anno decisivo.

Infatti già prima della fine del campionato scorse si era cercato di chiarire la posizione dell'allora allenatore, Boggi, per decidere quindi la composizione della squadra, finalizzandola al piu' presto possibile per cominciare una preparazione adatta alla Ampol Cup. Una squadra piu' o meno stabilita ed in buona preparazione sono infatti i campioni del successo della Ampol Cup, poiché la loro parte delle altre squadre stanno ancora a corto di preparazione e con formazioni da rimaneggiare.

Invece, dopo l'assunzione dell'allenatore Margaritis, la Juventus andò praticamente in vacanza. La campagna acquisti non diede segno di movimento fino all'inizio della Ampol Cup e la preparazione non fu certo delle migliori, limitandosi ad un paio di settimane di allenamento e a due partite amichevoli.

Margaritis iniziò quindi la competizione con alcuni ruoli di allenamento come quella del centromediano che fu coperto solo nella terza partita con l'acquisto di Drinockzy, alcuni giocatori senza allenamento e senza intesa con il resto dei compagni, come Rogers che esordì nell'amichevole contro il Sunshine appena due giorni prima dell'inizio dell'Ampol Cup; e con schemi ancora da provare, specialmente in attacco dove egli contava molto su Heery e French.

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sui mercati per la Juventus, i quali avrebbero avuto la certezza di mettere i loro soldi sulla carta vincente proprio nel periodo che stanno considerando la loro partecipazione o meno in questa avventura pubblicitaria.

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It's Ardeer v Box Hill



Ardeer's under-13s, back row: Richard Antczak, Darren Bednarski, Peter Rados, Brec Rados, Mike Peric, Zoran Stajkovic, Frank Kuczynski (coach), Jason Koliba, Steve Malkiewicz, Mark Sady, Peter Christo, Stan Koliba (assistant coach). Front row: Gary Hasler (assistant coach), Henry Blizcharz, Gary Hasler, Shano Maschewski, Mark Ryrych, Dragan Aralica, Andrew Mazur, Paul Kadelic, Ivan Kauda.

Ardeer United after a nail biting penalty show-down.

The coaching staff deserves a pat on the back. Stan Kuczynski, with assistance from Stan Koliba and Gary Hasler, have done a fine job in preparing the team.

The Ardeer committee of management congratulates the boys on their outstanding achievement in reaching the final. Thanks also go to the many sponsors who have supported the club. A special mention must be made of the backing from the Jam Factory Shopping Centre in Chapel Street, Prahran. Other sponsors include Action World Sport Store; Junction Tool Supplies; Northern Salvage; S.J. Industrial Supplies; Indeng; Union Steel and the Ardeer All Stars.

The Ardeer boys showed tremendous ability and fighting spirit to come through a tough qualifying battle in November last year and the average age of the boys is just over 11 years old.

These boys faced older, more accomplished opponents yet came through with flying colours. In their semi-final they accounted for

alle casse sfornite del club, i tesseramenti sarebbero arrivati a catinelle, piu' sponsor avrebbero accettato di imbarcarsi nell'impresa, la tifoseria avrebbe riportato il morale alle stelle e tutta la comunità italiana si sarebbe svegliata dall'apatia che da anni nutre verso la piu' gloriosa squadra italiana di Melbourne.

A parziale giustificazione il comitato puo' sempre invocare la sua inesperienza. Ma e' mai possibile che non si possa tenere presente dell'esperienza fatta a caro prezzo da precedenti comitati e dirigenti? Perche' ogni nuovo comitato deve fare gli stessi sbagli che compromettono le fortune della squadra e che annulla l'entusiasmo dei dirigenti di turno al punto che per quando hanno fatto la loro costosa esperienza non possono più abbastanza e lasciando il posto ad altri inesperti che continueranno la filastrocca di errori di occasioni mancate?

A nostro giudizio il presente comitato della Juventus ha persone di indubbia qualita' e seriamente impegnate. Ci auguriamo che questo impegno continui per i tre anni del loro mandato e che gli sbagli fatti possano essere abbastanza e lasciando il posto ad altri inesperti che continueranno la filastrocca di errori di occasioni mancate?

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gioventu. Purtroppo le condizioni di Bruno Sabidussi e di Sergio Sabbadini non sembrano migliorare in fretta, ma c'e' da augurarsi che i due capitani della squadra possano essere pronti per l'inizio del campionato.

L'arrivo di Palinkas e il miglioramento dell'altro acquisto dalla grande esperienza, Kojic, potrebbero significare una battuta d'arresto per i promettenti giovani Sampolini e Palmaricciotti, ma indubbiamente Cirkovic saprà tenerli ben motivati e interessati di maniera a colpire qualche apparizione nella prima squadra quando l'occasione propizia si presenterà.

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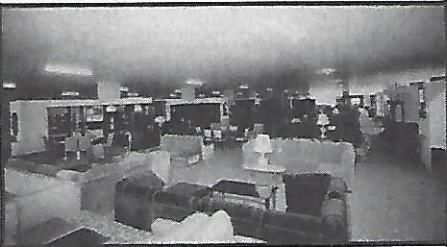
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